Document Number 40A - (HQ RAY)

Document number 40A, serial 72-1840-92 is a New Orleans report dated October 7, 1968.

Inasmuch as this document is a "see" reference (see paragraph 4, supra) to James Earl Ray, only the front page of the report and those portions of the report where Mr. Ray's name appears were processed for release.

The portion of this document containing information relative to Dr. King and Mr. Ray were released with no deletions. However, excisions were made pursuant to exemption (b)(7)(C) to protect the privacy of other individuals whose names appear in this serial. To reveal the FBI's investigative interest in these third parties would constitute an unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. (See paragraph 13b, supra.)

FD-263 (Rev. 12-19-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	10/7/68	6/27/68-9/16/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ALLEGED EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE TESTIMONY OF EDWARD GRADY PARTIN	SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.	kbz

CHARACTER OF CASE

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
CIVIL RIGHTS

REC 74 p 511-540

REFERENCES: New Orleans report of SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR., 8/29/68.

Bureau letter to New Orleans, 9/5/68.

Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 9/27/68.

-P-

ENCLOSURES:

TO EACH RECEIVING OFFICE:

Obscene portions of this report, which are contained in Section V.

EXP. PROC.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

72-1840-92 REC 7

OCT 23 1968

COPIES MADE:
(3)-Bureau (72-1840) (Enc. 3)
2-Memphis (Enc. 1)
(1-USA GILBERT S. MERRITT, JR., Nashville) (Enc. 1)
8-New Orleans (72-111)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
Agency			
Request Recd.			
Date Fwd.			
How Fwd.			
By			

Notations

2 copies made

For review at FBIHQ by SSC-A Committee

STAT

79 OCT 31 1968

COVER PAGE Re: James Earl Ray

my question that this guy up there obviously was lying when he said that he never talked to Ferry then.

He talked to him plenty of times. I saw him talking four or five times that I know of.

Well he supposed to have claimed according to Lomax ah after it was announced that James Earl Ray was the man who was being sought in connection with the Martin Luther King death, he was supposed to have gone into hiding and got panicy, feared reprisals because he said his son had killed Martin Luther King you know. He was then claiming to be the father of James Earl Ray.

Who?

Earl Anglin James.

Claims to be the father of Ray?

Yeah

He's a nut.

Yeah was obviously he is.

This guy will claim anything for the publicity.

Yeah for the notoriety I guess. Well no Jack that's really about it and ah I want to thank you for calling me ah cause you..

Look [redacted] while I got you on the line, what do you know about [redacted]

[redacted]

Yeah.

Not a whole lot ah I knew [redacted] when he worked for the paper and ah I see him just occasionally since he's with 12 but ah from what I know of [redacted] he's a pretty nice guy you know I don't know anything about him.

Ah look is he a friend of yours?

Ah yeah I think I would consider [redacted] a friend of mine.

I won't tell you then.

OK, I mean you know from what I know of [redacted] I would have to say he's a friend of mine. What's [redacted] done?

2 copies made
[redacted]
for review at FBIHQ by
NSC-A Committee
JTA/JE 7/5/77
re: James E. Ray